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C.I.P.

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Dear Mr. Kennedy

To qualify to the extreme
an open society and/or government
must be open to all - even to those
who would attempt to restrict
its openness.

As duly elected leaders in the
making of public policy the President
of the United States would logically be
the individual with the most
influence over the degree of openness
of government and society in the
United States.

Refusal by the President of
the United States to discuss the
nature of the C.I.A. in Viet
nam when asked by David B.

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and the limited response to the
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question of Chet Huntley concerning
the nature of policymaking of the
C. I. A. is evidence that the
government and society of the
United States can not qualify
in nature as being completely
open.

To what degree openness is
restricted is conjecture.

The fact that the President
does not want to discuss in
detail the nature of the C. I. A.
brings up the question of how it
is possible to accomplish openness
in the government and/or society of
Vietnam in particular (and others in
general) when the President turns
from openness at home

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~~A discerning individual who~~
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~~has viewed the 20th Century~~
television program of Sept 1, 1963
(concerning military operation of French
Government in Viet Nam) can
appreciate the futility of a militant
approach to problems in Viet Nam.

There are real problems for individuals
in Viet Nam and in the United
States and throughout the world.
To solve real problems is difficult
enough without pursuing imaginary
ones or to worsen those that exist
by an approach that hurts rather
than helps.

By its very nature an open
society should formulate an
action for individuals concerned

~~that is more destructive than~~
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~~that~~ ensuing in Viet Nam
at present.

- sincerely
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